

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (original) A process for modifying CNSL comprising subjecting the CNSL to ozonolysis to form ozonolysis reaction products followed by reduction of the ozonolysis reaction products to give a mixture of phenolic components and aldehydes.
2. (original) A process for modifying CNSL which comprises the steps of first reacting CNSL with ozone to form a mixture containing ozonolysis reaction products, and secondly treating the mixture under reducing conditions to form a further mixture containing phenolic components with an eight carbon chain having a terminal CHO group and alkyl components of varying lengths with either one or two terminal CHO groups.
3. (currently amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the ozonolysis reaction products are reduced using metals (such as transition metals) in the presence of acid, or reducing sugars, or catalytic hydrogenation, or reduction using a reducing agent selected from iodide (e.g. sodium, potassium, calcium) in the presence of acetic acid; dimethyl sulphide; thiourea; triphenyl phosphine; trimethyl phosphate and pyridine.
4. (original) A process according to claim 3 wherein the reducing agent is zinc and acetic acid.
- 5.(original) A process according to claim 3 wherein the reducing agent is a reducing sugar such as alpha D-glucose.

6. (original) A process for modifying CNSL, comprising the steps of first reacting CNSL with ozone to form a reaction product, and secondly treating the reaction product with a reducing sugar so as to form a mixture containing phenolic components with an 8 carbon chain having a terminal CHO group, and alkyl components with either one or two terminal CHO groups.
7. (currently amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the ozonolysis is conducted in a solvent comprising an alcohol, ~~preferably ethanol~~.
8. (currently amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 comprising the further step, following the reduction step, of separating phenolic aldehydes and alkyl aldehydes formed during the process.
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